

A Journalistic Loss

Journalistic circles of the South, especially those of Louisiana, have been saddened by the death of Dr. Marcus M. Wilkerson, director of the Louisiana state university press.

He spent almost 30 years with LSU after having actively served in the newspaper field, especially as a legislative correspondent and an Associated Press representative. When he joined the faculty of the university he had a splendid background, with knowledge of journalistic traditions, customs and practices in Louisiana. This was helpful in giving instructions to students interested in writing for print.

His policy was based on sound thinking and facts. His suggestions, examples being reflected when he mingled with active newspaper editors and publishers at press conferences and conventions as well as his services in class sessions, were of the quality worthy of adoption.

The LSU press is one of the outstanding college presses in the nation. Marcus M. Wilkerson contributed importantly to this fine development.

His pleasing and inspiring associations in newspaper circles as well as those educationally will be greatly missed. He was a gentleman whose sincerity and influence were among his fine qualifications.